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My Dear Brother

Yours of the 18th inst enclosing a kind invitation in behalf of the Brethren of the Theol Sem[y] to visit Princeton was handed me a few days since on my arrival at N. York. I regret that indisposition resulting from a severe attack of sickness at New Haven and my engagements at the South will not permit me to comply with your request at present. I hope however that if my life is spared I may be able to visit your Institution either in the Spring or Summer when it will afford me much pleasure to meet with the Brethren and to communicate such information and views respecting missionary operations as it will be in my power to impart. In the mean time accept dear Brother for yourself and the members of the Seminary my warmest wishes for your welfare and my ardent prayer that the Great Head of the Church and the God of Missions will guide each of you in the path of duty in reference to the field of your future labors, and make you eminently

instrumental in winning souls to Christ. Though nearly nine years have elapsed since I left the School of the Prophets (and more than four years since) to which it is now your privilege to belong, I still feel the deepest interest in every thing pertaining to its welfare, and nothing would rejoice my heart more than to learn that the Missionary spirit was there exerting a deep and hallowed influence and preparing many of the dear Brethren for the blessed work of preaching the unsearchable riches of christ among the perishing Heathen.

With my affectionate regards to the each of the esteemed and beloved Professors.

I remain yrs truly
in the bonds of the Gospel

John L. Lawrence

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P.S. I leave (d.v.) tomorrow for Baltimore and Washington and thence to Charleston So. Ca my native place where I shall spend most of my time during the winter. I hope to return to Jerusalem next summer or fall

of the state of my eyes and other circumstances will permit —
"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem May they shall prosper that
love thee" — Latest intelligence from Syria was
from Jerusalem 11th August and from Beyrout 22d of the same.
Brethren all well. May the revolutions now taking place
in that interesting Land eventuate in the establishment
of that kingdom which is righteousness, peace and joy
in the Holy Ghost.

Yrs. J. D. L.

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